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SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Council Offices,
Central Avenue,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

September, 1969.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District for 1968.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population for 1968 (29,910) shows the largest annual increase since the inception of the Urban District.

The births (618) also is the largest number of births recorded in the Urban District and the corrected births and death rates of 23.8 and 12.9 respectively, are to be compared with that of England and Wales which respectively are 16.9 and 11.9. There were 396 deaths, 148 occurring in Milton Hospital and, of these, 109 were previously domiciled outside the Urban District.

There were 10 infant deaths, five of which occurred in the early neonatal period and were all associated with prematurity or congenital defects.

There were 292 notifications of infectious diseases of which 262 were due to Measles.

528 vaccinations against Measles were given for children from 1 to 7 years of age, however it is too early yet to assess the impact of this prophylactic measure which only began mid-way through the Year.

Since October, 1968, Erysipelas, Puerperal Pyrexia and Pneumonia have ceased to be notifiable.

The notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis remain fairly constant during the past 10 Years, although deaths from the disease have shown a decline. Altogether 7,272 persons attended the Mass X-Ray Unit and 3 active cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were ascertained during the visit. The Sittingbourne, Milton and District Care Committee carry out very useful work in providing various forms of help for Chest and Heart patients referred to it from the Chest Clinic. This help is, of course, limited by the amount of funds available and the Committee are worthy of very generous support.

The Health Inspectorate has had a very busy Year, as can be seen from the amount of work carried out - some visits are very time consuming as the opportunity is also taken to carry out various forms of Health Education. This relates especially to food premises.

In addition to the normal routine problems and complaints, a major source of air pollution has been causing obnoxious smells throughout a wide area. This is a very large problem and will require time and endless patience and expense to overcome.

I must express thanks to Mr. A. Leslie, your Chief Public Health Inspector, and to the other Officers of the Public Health Department, for the efficient, smooth manner in which the work is carried out and for their co-operation at all times.

I would also wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and courtesy.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

1. Climatology

The rainfall recorded in the Urban District was 35.26 inches, as compared with 30.98 inches recorded in 1967.

The heaviest rainfall, as recorded at the Highsted Waterworks, was 3.06 inches on 15th September.

The wettest month was September when the rainfall recorded at Highsted Waterworks was 7.82 inches.

Fog occurred on 27 occasions as compared with 16 occasions in the previous Year.

During the Year, there were 7 falls of Snow locally (3 in January; 1 in February, 1 in April and 2 in December).

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 54 occasions (13 in January; 13 in February; 3 in March; 8 in April; 5 in November and 12 in December) as compared with 43 occasions in the previous Year.

The hottest day of the Year was the 2nd July when a temperature of 94°F. was recorded.

The coldest day of the Year was the 13th January when a temperature of 16°F. was recorded.

Monthly rainfall readings recorded at Highsted Waterworks over the past six Years as shown in Appendix "A", and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum temperatures recorded at Johnson House Gardens for the Years 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968.

2. Areas in Acres

Land and Inland Water 4,935

No change.

3. Population

The estimated mid-Year population for 1968, as given by the Registrar-General, was 29,910, an increase of 1,440 against the mid-Year population for 1967.

The Census figure taken in April, 1961, was 23,616.

4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1968 was 9,899.

5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1968 was £1,444,326 as compared with £1,396,539 at the end of 1967.

6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a penny rate in 1968 was £5,840 as compared with £5,590 in 1967.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

1. Births

The number of Births registered during 1968 was 618 as compared with 547 in the previous Year.

The number of Births each Year for the period from 1945 to 1968 inclusive will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

(a) Live Births

				Males	Females	Totals	
Legitimate	...	...	...	300 (267)	285 (255)	585 (522)	*
Illegitimate	...	...	...	12 (15)	21 (10)	33 (25)	
Totals				312 (282)	306 (265)	618 (547)	

The percentage of illegitimate births was 5.3% as against 4.5% in 1967.

(b) Birth Rate

The crude birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 20.7 in 1968 as against 19.2 in 1967. Figures for the Years from 1945 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected birth rate is 23.8 as compared with 16.9 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) Still-Births

Seven still-births occurred during the Year. This compares with 8 in 1967.

The percentage of still-births to live births for the Year was 1.1% as against 1.4% in 1967.

There were two illegitimate still-births during the Year.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Deaths

(a) The number of deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1968 was 396. This figure represents 196 males and 200 females.

Figures for previous Years back to 1945 may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 396 deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1968, a total of 148 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 39 of these were actually persons previously resident in the Urban District.

The average age of death was 70.0 being 67.3 for males and 72.7 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 100 years. The average age of death during 1967 was 70.1, being 68.3 for males and 71.7 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred.

TABLE I

Sex		Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and Over
Males	...	9	1	1	3	3	3	9	29	62	76
Females	...	1	2	2	2	1	2	11	23	46	110
Totals		10	3	3	5	4	5	20	52	108	186

(b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1968 was 13.2 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 10.8 per 1,000 in the preceding Year. The figures for previous Years back to 1945 are included in Table III.

The corrected death rate is 12.9 per 1,000 as compared with 11.9 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.

(c) The causes of Death classified by the Registrar-General are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

Cause	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	- (-)	- (1)	- (1) *
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	- (-)	- (1)	- (1)
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2 (-)	1 (4)	3 (4)
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4 (3)	- (3)	4 (6)
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	15 (11)	7 (1)	22 (12)
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	- (-)	6 (4)	6 (4)
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	- (-)	4 (8)	4 (8)
Leukaemia	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	21 (19)	18 (15)	39 (34)
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	- (-)	2 (-)	2 (-)
Diabetes Mellitus	2 (1)	3 (5)	5 (6)
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Anaemias	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Meningitis	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1 (-)	2 (-)	3 (-)
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	- (-)	4 (-)	4 (-)
Hypertensive Disease	5 (1)	7 (3)	12 (4)
Ischaemic Heart Disease	46 (34)	35 (24)	81 (58)
Other Forms of Heart Disease	10 (14)	19 (24)	29 (38)
Cerebrovascular Disease	18 (15)	32 (31)	50 (46)
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9 (8)	5 (6)	14 (14)
Influenza	5 (-)	10 (-)	15 (-)
Pneumonia	19 (10)	20 (10)	39 (20)
Bronchitis and Emphysema	12 (16)	8 (3)	20 (19)
Asthma	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2 (-)	3 (-)	5 (-)
Peptic Ulcer	1 (2)	- (1)	1 (3)
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1 (-)	2 (-)	3 (-)
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4 (-)	3 (1)	7 (1)
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1 (1)	- (-)	1 (1)
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	- (-)	3 (-)	3 (-)
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
Congenital Anomalies	4 (-)	1 (-)	5 (-)
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)
Other Causes of Peri-Natal Mortality	2 (10)	- (11)	2 (21)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3 (2)	- (2)	3 (4)
All Other Accidents	1 (2)	2 (-)	3 (2)
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2 (-)	1 (-)	3 (-)
All Causes	196 (149)	200 (158)	396 (307)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1945 to 1968 inclusive.

TABLE III

Year	Population	Deaths		Births					Infant Mortality			
		Number of Deaths at all Ages	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Still-Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age per 1,000 Births
1945	19,140	236	12.3	350	34	384	20.0	11	12	3	15	39.0
1946	21,040	230	10.9	419	31	450	21.3	12	13	1	14	31.1
1947	21,560	248	11.5	509	23	532	24.4	15	17	-	17	31.9
1948	22,240	228	10.2	385	12	397	17.8	7	8	-	8	20.1
1949	22,150	271	12.2	355	19	374	16.8	7	15	-	15	37.4
1950	22,340	228	10.2	328	15	343	15.3	7	8	-	8	20.1
1951	21,920	265	12.0	332	15	247	15.8	8	14	-	14	40.3
1952	21,940	244	11.1	331	15	346	15.7	8	9	-	9	26.0
1953	21,930	433	19.7	340	17	357	16.2	6	16	-	16	44.8
1954	21,940	318	14.4	298	18	316	14.4	7	4	-	4	12.6
1955	21,970	347	15.7	327	16	343	15.6	4	4	-	4	11.6
1956	22,060	397	17.9	316	16	332	15.0	7	8	1	9	27.1
1957	22,260	398	17.8	362	19	381	17.1	11	11	-	11	28.8
1958	22,470	336	14.9	367	12	379	16.8	6	2	-	2	5.2
1959	22,700	282	12.4	374	21	395	17.4	7	7	-	7	17.7
1960	22,870	293	12.8	335	15	350	15.3	7	6	-	6	17.1
1961	23,630	315	13.3	379	24	403	17.0	9	13	2	15	37.2
1962	24,270	322	13.2	405	18	423	17.4	11	7	1	8	18.8
1963	24,700	322	13.0	455	22	477	19.3	7	3	-	3	6.2
1964	25,480	337	13.2	477	25	502	19.7	2	11	-	11	21.9
1965	26,470	333	12.5	511	26	537	20.2	6	9	1	10	18.6
1966	27,310	348	12.7	540	30	570	20.8	12	3	2	5	8.7
1967	28,470	307	10.8	522	25	547	19.2	8	11	-	11	20.1
1968	29,910	396	13.2	585	33	618	20.7	7	8	2	10	16.1

3. Infantile Mortality

(a) Ten deaths of Infants under one Year of age were recorded during the Year under review, as compared with 11 in 1967.

The infant mortality rate for the Year was 16.1 per thousand live births. The rate for 1967 was 20.1 per thousand. The rates for previous Years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales as a whole was 18.0 per thousand live births.

Of the 10 deaths recorded, 5 were infants under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 8.0 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 12.3 per thousand live births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 19.2 per thousand total live and stillbirths.

The Maternal Mortality was - Nil.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1968 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

Cause	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Prematurity	M	30 minutes	Hospital	Hospital
Rhesus Incompatibility - Prematurity	M	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Congenital Heart Disease ...	M	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Hegaline Membrane Disease - Prematurity	M	1 day	Home	Hospital
Pneumonia - Congenital Heart Disease	M	5 days	Home	Home
Failure to Thrive - Disaccharide - Intolerance - E.Coli Gastro-Enteritis ...	M	1 onth	Home	Hospital
Dehydration and Myocardial Failure - Gastro-Enteritis	M	2 months	Home	Hospital
Pulmonary Oedema - Atrio-Ventricular Canal ...	F	2 months	Hospital	Hospital
Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous drainage due to Congenital Heart Disease - Operation for Correction ...	M	2 months	Home	Hospital
Asphyxiation - Inhalation of Vomit - Acute Gastro- Enteritis	M	4 months	Home	Home

SECTION IIIINFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASESTHEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the Year, the Department received 292 notifications of cases of notifiable diseases, as occurring in the Urban District. The figures for previous Years are detailed in Table VIII.

The incidence of these notified cases in each Quarter of the Year was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 17; 2nd Quarter - 14; 3rd Quarter - 93; 4th Quarter - 168.

The main causes of notification were 262 cases of Measles and 14 cases of Scarlet Fever.

Of the 262 cases of Measles notified, 182 were Children under School Age and 77 were School Children. The remaining 3 cases were - a Male aged 17 years; a Female aged 22 years and a Male aged 71 years.

14 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, as compared with 15 cases in the previous Year and 38 cases in 1966. Of these 14 cases, 5 were Children under School Age and 8 were School Children. The remaining case was a Male, aged 17 years.

6 cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the Year, of which 4 were School Children, all attending Murston School, and 1 case was a Child under School Age. The remaining case was a Male, aged 31 years.

The single case of Food Poisoning notified during the Year was a Female, aged 32 years, employed as a Shop Assistant. This case was admitted to Hospital. The agent causing this outbreak was identified as Salmonella Panama.

The single case of Infective Jaundice notified during the Year was a Boy, aged 13 years. This Boy was admitted to Hospital.

Details of the 8 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified are shown in Tables VI and IX.

(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total Deaths from each disease, as shown in the Registrar General's classification of Deaths, are shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

Disease	No. of Cases	Admissions to Hospital or Sanitorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	14 (15)	- (-)	- (-) *
Measles	262 (279)	- (-)	- (-)
Whooping Cough	6 (5)	- (-)	- (-)
Tuberculosis -			
Pulmonary	7 (7)	6 (6)	- (1)
Non-Pulmonary	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Food Poisoning	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
Malaria	- (3)	- (3)	- (-)
Dysentery	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
Puerperal Pyrexia	- (2)	- (1)	- (-)
Infective Jaundice	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Totals	292 (313)	8 (11)	- (1)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

Disease	Under 1 Year	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 and Over	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	-	3	2	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	14
Measles ...	6	69	103	79	1	3	-	-	-	1	262
Whooping Cough ...	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis -											
Pulmonary ...	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	7
Non-Pulmonary ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	6	73	105	90	4	6	3	1	2	2	292

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District during 1968, is shown in the following Table VII:-

TABLE VII

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	2	1	2	-	2	3	1	1	1	-	1	-	14
Measles ...	2	-	-	3	3	1	57	28	2	42	65	59	262
Whooping Cough ...	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Infective Jaundice ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	4	7	2	3	5	4	58	29	3	43	67	59	284

(d) Table VIII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each Year during the past twelve Years.

TABLE VIII

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2. Tuberculosis

Seven new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the Year.

The age groups of the new cases notified during 1968 are shown in Table IX below; and Table X gives a summary of cases on the Tuberculosis Register during the Year under review.

It will be seen that, in spite of many changes, the total number of cases on the Register remains the same.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1968

Age Group	Type	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-
1 Year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	Pulmonary	1	1	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	Pulmonary	1	-	1
20 - 24	Pulmonary	1	-	1
25 - 34	Pulmonary	1	1	-
35 - 44	Pulmonary	1	-	1
45 - 54	Pulmonary	1	1	-
45 - 54	Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1
55 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-
75 and Over	Pulmonary	1	1	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
	Totals	8	4	4

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

Details	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
On Register on 1st January, 1968 ...	194	14	208
Notified as 'New' Cases ...	7	1	8
Transferred to District ...	2	-	2
Totals	203	15	218
Died ...	4	-	4 *
Recovered ...	3	-	3
Removed from District ...	3	-	3
Totals	10	-	10
Balance remaining on Register on 31st December, 1968 ...	193	15	208

* This figure refers to patients on the Tuberculosis Register who have died - not necessarily from Tuberculosis.

I am again indebted to Dr. Owen Clarke and Dr. N.F. Crofts, the Chest Physicians at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital, for the following information regarding Tuberculosis Patients in the Urban District.

Eight new cases were notified during the Year and 6 of these were admitted to Keycol Hospital.

It will be noted from Table X that a total of 208 cases remained on the Register at 31st December, 1968.

During 1968, Patients and Contacts from the Urban District attended the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, as follows:-

Number of Attendances made by Patients	889	(777) *
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Number of Attendances made by Contacts	681	(751)
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Units of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, from Oakwood Hospital, Maidstone, visited the Urban District during the months of February and March, 1968, and the results of their Survey are shown under Appendix "J".

The Members of the Sittingbourne, Milton and District Care Committee for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases have continued their good work during the Year under review. Their responsibilities now include Chest and Heart Patients referred to them by the Chest Physicians at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital.

During the Year, the sum of £229 was spent in providing Holidays for 7 Patients. In addition, £110 was expended in giving help which included Fuel, Heating, Lighting, Clothing, Bedding, Fares and Christmas Extras and certain Cash Grants.

Unfortunately the assistance which this Committee is able to give has to be measured by the Funds available and, due to reduced income from the sale of Christmas Seals, the Members are forced more and more to rely on the proceeds from locally arranged functions and donations from local people.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death Rate per 10,000 of the Population, for both Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary cases, during the period from 1940 to 1968 inclusive.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

TABLE XI

Year	Number of Primary Notifications Received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1940	11	1	11	1	5.3	0.4
1941	9	3	7	1	3.5	0.5
1942	15	4	8	-	4.0	-
1943	9	4	8	3	4.2	1.5
1944	14	3	7	1	3.7	0.5
1945	22	2	7	1	3.0	0.5
1946	14	2	9	1	4.0	0.4
1947	19	5	6	2	2.8	0.9
1948	19	6	8	1	3.5	0.4
1949	20	4	10	2	4.5	0.9
1950	18	6	1	1	0.4	0.4
1951	15	2	3	-	1.3	-
1952	17	1	3	1	1.3	0.4
1953	16	-	4	-	1.8	-
1954	19	3	-	1	-	0.4
1955	19	1	2	-	0.9	-
1956	15	-	3	1	1.3	0.4
1957	27	-	-	-	-	-
1958	17	1	5	-	2.2	-
1959	4	1	-	1	-	0.4
1960	8	1	-	-	-	-
1961	9	3	-	-	-	-
1962	9	2	1	-	0.4	-
1963	13	-	1	-	0.4	-
1964	2	1	-	-	-	-
1965	7	1	-	-	-	-
1966	6	-	-	-	-	-
1967	7	-	1	-	0.3	-
1968	7	1	-	-	-	-

3. Veneral Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C.D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer in charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, for the following information regarding cases and number of attendances from this Urban District during the Year.

Disease	Males	Females	Totals
Syphilis	- (-)	- (1)	- (1) *
Gonorrhoea	4 (5)	1 (3)	5 (8)
Other Conditions	14 (9)	6 (5)	20 (14)
Totals	18 (14)	7 (9)	25 (23)

The above refer to new Cases occurring during the Year.

The total number of attendances at this Clinic during the Year was - 142.

Details of new Cases and attendances in previous Years were as follows:-

Year	New Cases	Attendances	Year	New Cases	Attendances
1967	23	82	1958	17	205
1966	25	117	1957	19	250
1965	33	127	1956	25	220
1964	28	281	1955	16	279
1963	20	200	1954	23	319
1962	16	157	1953	11	262
1961	24	193	1952	7	191
1960	17	123	1951	13	208
1959	15	66			

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

The County Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has once again very kindly supplied the following details in connection with Immunisations and Vaccinations.

(a) Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary			Reinforcing		
	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Tetanus	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Tetanus
1968	254	2	-	-	-	-
1967	212	4	-	18	-	1
1966	14	-	-	328	25	1
1965	3	-	-	74	9	-
1964	3	1	1	13	15	1
1961 - 1963	5	-	5	286	304	5
1952 - 1960	-	-	37	13	4	38
Totals	491	7	43	732	357	46

(b) Vaccination against Smallpox

Primary Vaccinations	...	...	...	407
Revaccinations	...	...	...	3

(c) Vaccination against Measles

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Number of cases Vaccinated
1968	3
1967	60
1966	107
1965	82
1964	70
1961 - 1963	200
1952 - 1960	6
Total	528

(d) Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary	Reinforcing
1968	163	-
1967	416	-
1966	32	-
1965	20	-
1964	11	27
1961 - 1963	1	450
1952 - 1960	-	-
Totals	643	477

5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the Year, 454 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country for the Medical Officer of Health to authenticate the Signatures of the Doctors concerned. This figure compares with 373 in the previous Year.

SECTION IVGENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICESIN THE AREA1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care and Domestic Help Services.

Child Health, School Health and Dental Clinics are held at Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 3313) and the District Office of the Kent County Council, including the Domestic Help Service, is in the new Kent County Council Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72436).

The dates and times of all Clinics held at Sutton House are shown in the following Table:-

Clinics and Sessions	Day	Time
Child Health (and Sale of Welfare Foods)	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Cytology	1st Wednesday in each Month	by appointment (as required)
Minor Ailments	1st and 3rd Monday in each Month	3.45 - 4.30 p.m.
Dental	Wednesday to Friday (inclusive)	by appointment (Tel.No:Sitt.3314)
Ophthalmic	Wednesday	9.30 a.m. (by appointment)
Chiropody	Monday and Wednesday	9 a.m. (by appointment)

(NOTE:- The Health Visitors are available for consultation at Sutton House on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) from 9 - 10 a.m. The Telephone Number is Sitt. 3313).

Child Health Clinics are also held in other parts of the Urban District, as follows:-

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Milton and Kemsley areas.

Wednesdays - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Old Welfare Hall, Church Road, Murston - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Murston and Canterbury Road areas.

2nd and 4th Fridays in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Village Hall, London Road, Bapchild - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in Bapchild and the eastern end of the Canterbury Road Estate.

Vaccinations and Immunisations are given, with Doctor's consent, at all Child Health Clinics, as follows:-

at 6 months, 8 months and 14 months - Triple injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. 'Booster' Triple injections at 5 years.

At 6 months, 8 months and 14 months and again at 5 years - Protection against Poliomyelitis, by Oral Vaccine.

At 1 and 5 years - Vaccination against Smallpox.

From 1 to 7 years - Vaccination against Measles.

Other persons seeking protection against Poliomyelitis, should make arrangements through their own Doctor.

The Health and Welfare Department of the Kent County Council has arranged for Clinics for the taking of Cervical Smears to be held at Sutton House. Forms for appointments at these Clinics can be obtained from the Child Health Clinics at Sutton House; from the Health Department, Council Offices, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, or from a person's own Doctor.

The Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, cover the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton. These Health Visitors have also been seconded to various groups of Doctors in the area.

The Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes for Expectant Mothers are now held in the Town Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, each Thursday from 9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.

A Family Planning Clinic will be opened at Sutton House on Thursday, 4th September, 1969. Thereafter, these Clinics will be held each Thursday from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Family Planning Clinics are also held at Minster Hospital (Tel. No: Sheppey 2116) and at Cambridge House, 4 Mansion Row, Brompton, Gillingham (Tel. No: Medway 43759).

Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13 South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for the Clinics are held on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

A School for Handicapped Children is held at the Bobbing Training Centre, Village Hall, Bobbing.

2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

(i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Sitt. 72019)

The Visiting Hours at this Hospital are:-

Sunday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Monday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Tuesday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Thursday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Friday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Saturday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

Children are admitted during the Visiting Period on Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt. 3168)

This Hospital provides facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick and also has a separate Residential Section for Aged People at Court Regis, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel. No: Sitt. 3485).

(c) Cases of Infectious Disease, including patients suffering from Tuberculosis, are admitted for treatment at Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, Nr. Sittingbourne (Tel. No: Newington 222). This Hospital is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel. No: Newington 387) at which out-patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints attend for X-Ray and periodic examinations by the Consultant Chest Physician.

(ii) Nursing Homes

There are no Registered Nursing Homes situate within the Urban District.

3. School Health Services

I am indebted to the Principal School Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) for again kindly providing the following summary of the return on School Health Services for the Year 1968, for the Area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough-in-Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton and the Rural District of Swale.

(a) Routine School Medical Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	4,399
Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected:-						
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	4,272
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	127
(In addition, 906 children received tests of vision (and hearing only))						

(b) Special Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	145
Number of Pupils Re-Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	1,319
Number of Pupils found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	...	886

(c) Treatment of Pupils

(i) Minor Ailments

Skin Disease	...	...	...	...	...	-
Eye Defects	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ear Defects	...	...	...	...	...	10
Minor Injuries, Bruises, Sores, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	17

(ii) Defective Vision and Squint

Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	...	...	...	...	...	819
Other Defects or Diseases of the Eye	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed	...	...	...	...	...	372

(d) Dental Inspection and Treatment

Number inspected by Dental Officers	...	...	...	...	...	3,490
Number found requiring treatment	...	...	...	...	...	2,297
Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	...	2,111
Number of attendances for treatment	...	...	...	...	...	7,452
Half-Days devoted to:						
A. Periodic (School Inspections)	...	...	...	...	...	10
B. Treatment	...	...	...	...	...	1,130
Number of Teeth Filled	...	...	...	...	...	3,504
Number of Teeth Extracted	...	...	...	...	...	1,716
Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction	..	..	..	..	..	874
Other Operations (Permanent and Temporary Teeth)	...	...	...	...	...	2,108

(e) Infestation with Vermin

Number of Examinations of Pupils in Schools by the School Nurses of other Authorised Persons	... ..	7,754
Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested	... ..	52
Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	... ..	19

4. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was not called upon to deal with any cases during the Year.

5. Old People's Welfare

I am indebted to County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble for kindly supplying the following information concerning the activities of the Old People's Welfare Committee during the Year under review.

" There has been an increase in the demand upon the Services available for the Senior Citizens resident in the Urban District.

This was the 17th Year that the Welfare Committee has been in existence and the number of Old People on the Register has continued to rise.

The Night Sitting Service was called upon to cover 134 nights. It is still extremely difficult to find Night Sitters for this important Service, which has been in greater demand. It is much appreciated by our elderly and sick, who often have no relative to come to their aid. This Service not only provides help, comfort and confidence to the Patient, but gives relief to tired friends or good neighbours who are frequently elderly themselves.

Over 40 meals, twice a week, are taken to house-bound and Old People in the Urban District by the Meals-on-Wheels Service. We are indebted to Mrs. Ashbee and her Voluntary Helpers for giving their services to distribute these meals; and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Licence Trade for donating £10 which provided 139 free meals. Our grateful thanks also to the Shell Research Company and to Messrs. Bowaters at Kemsley, for their continued interest and support in preparing these meals.

Our Visiting Service is still improving and expanding under the organisation of Mrs. H. Newman and her willing band of 100 helpers. 3,000 eggs were given to our Old People at Easter. The Congregational Church gave 275 eggs from their Easter Service and the others were provided through the efforts of money-raising events held by our Visitors. 580 hot water bottles were delivered by the Visitors for Christmas presents. Residents from Blair Park, who had been accommodated at Minster after the unfortunate fire at these premises, were visited and taken presents of sweets. Xmas and Birthday Cards were delivered by our Visitors during the Year.

Through the kindness of Colonel and Mrs. Donald Dean, we were once again able to entertain 68 house-bound people in July. Each person was collected by car and returned to their homes after a strawberry and cream tea at Woodcourt. The weather was perfect and the party was a great success and very much appreciated. We record our sincere thanks to the Red Cross Personnel who again so willingly acted as escorts in the difficult job of transporting many of our handicapped house-bound Guests; and to Colonel and Mrs. Dean for providing the luscious strawberries and cream.

Fund Raising Events included a successful Wine and Cheese Evening, kindly organised and held at the home of Councillor and Mrs. F. Bishop. The proceeds from this event enabled us to provide transport for many of our Old People who are unable to use the Public services. We were fortunate in having more lovely sunshine for our fund raising Garden Party, which was held at Westdene and opened by Mr. Borzoni, the newly appointed Senior Nursing Officer at Keycol Hospital. We are grateful to Mrs. Knowler, our Social Chairman and her Committee, for organising other social events to raise money; and to Mrs. Williams who continued to run the Good Companions Tea Centre on Friday afternoons.

We are delighted to have two girls from the Grammar School, who regularly attend our Meetings with their Headmistress, Miss H. Roberts, and appreciate the active part they take in the Old People's Welfare work. Grammar School Boys have also helped with gardening problems and the checking of flashing lamps. We also receive great assistance from our Secondary School Boys and Girls and the Members of the Milton Youth Club.

After a lot of careful thought and hard work by Mr. A. Leslie and Mrs. F. Bishop, through the kindness of the Reverend Harry Williams, we were able to start a Day Centre at the Wesley Hall in April, 1969. It is proving a great success and at least 30 meals are served each Monday. A satisfactory rota system has been arranged and we are extremely grateful to our Voluntary "Cooks" - Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Gouge, Mrs. Dive, Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Williams - and the helpers who so willingly serve and wash up. We are indebted to Mr. A. Leslie for providing the necessary utensils to start our Centre; to the Wesley Hall for arranging storage of our equipment and to Mrs. F. Bishop for giving so freely of her time.

The three Old People's Clubs in the District continue to be well supported. Court Regis, the Kent County Council Residential Home, is full to capacity and regularly visited by our helpers. Churchill House, and the newly-opened Johnson House, both Urban District Council Warden's Schemes designed for the housing of Elderly People, are fulfilling a useful and necessary purpose, with their happy homely atmosphere.

I wish to place on record my most grateful thanks to all Members of the Welfare Committee for their kind co-operation and support during the Year, particularly Mrs. F. Bishop, Mrs. J. Mobbs and Mr. N. Bowen for again carrying out the duties of Organising Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. Water Supply

All the dwellings (9,899) within the Urban District are supplied from the public water mains of the Medway Water Board.

The supply has, during the Year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

Thirty samples of water (13 from the public supply and 17 from private supplies) were submitted for bacteriological examination.

In addition, 2 samples from a private supply were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination. All the samples were satisfactory.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

During the Year, extensions of the Council's sewerage system were carried out to serve new housing development within the Area.

No improvement works have been carried out during the Year at the Sewage Disposal Works. However, the Ministry have agreed for a 'pilot scheme' of a secondary filtration plant to be installed, but will not agree for a full secondary treatment scheme at this stage.

The annual treatment against Rodents in the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the period from 6th to 28th May, 1968. The poison Warfarin was again used. The results obtained indicated that the position could generally be considered as satisfactory as the incidence of infestation was low.

3. Scavenging

The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at the Council's site at Milton.

4. School Sanitation

The sanitary facilities provided at the Schools have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

The standard of kitchen hygiene continues at a high level.

5. Public Conveniences

These were generally maintained in a satisfactory condition, in spite of difficulties arising from malicious damage to the Conveniences.

Complaints were received during the Year from users of the Conveniences about lack of privacy due to door locks being torn from the doors and the condition of the roller towels provided due to misuse.

6. Swimming Baths

(a) Public Swimming Baths

12 samples of the bath water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The reports received from the Public Health Laboratory indicated that satisfactory standards of purity were maintained in the bath water.

The total number of bathers using the pool during the Year was 78,769 as compared with 81,611 in 1967.

(b) School Swimming Bath

6 samples of the bath water taken from the small open-air swimming bath at a School situated in the Urban District, were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The results indicated that the bath water was maintained in a generally satisfactory condition.

7. Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary facilities used by the Council accommodated 27 bodies during the Year.

The arrangements continued to prove satisfactory.

8. Service of Notices requiring the Execution of Works or the Abatement of Nuisances

(a) Informal Notices served	-	88
(b) Statutory Notices served	-	16
(c) Informal Notices complied with	-	52
(d) Statutory Notices complied with	-	28
(e) Informal Notices outstanding	-	182
(f) Statutory Notices outstanding	-	24
(g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices	-	16

9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the Year is shown in Appendix "D".

10. Complaints

During the Year, a total of 117 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 13 from tenants of Council Houses, in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

These complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

SECTION VI

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

Under the provisions of the above named Regulations, this Authority is responsible for registering all Retailers within the Urban District as Distributors of Milk. The number of Retailers registered is 61.

The Kent County Council is the Authority responsible for the issue of Licences for the Sale of designated Milks and these Licences are valid for five years from the date of issue.

Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 64 samples of Milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.

(ii) The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

Designation	Number of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Un- Satisfactory
Pasteurised ...	49 (54)	47 (53)	2 (1)
Sterilised ...	15 (15)	15 (15)	- (-)
Total	64 (69)	62 (68)	2 (1)

(iii) The two samples of Pasteurised Milk which were unsatisfactory, failed the methylene blue reductase test.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

2. Meat

One private slaughterhouse was licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town and 174 visits were paid to this slaughterhouse during the Year.

The number of animals presented for slaughter was 1,339 as compared with 1,731 in the previous Year.

The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouse (332 lbs.) was dyed green and disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's Tip.

Details of foodstuffs, of all types, condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, together with the numbers affected with disease.

TABLE XIV

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	Total
Number Killed (if known),	361	4	5	713	256	-	1,339
Number Inspected ...	361	4	5	713	256	-	1,339
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	13	1	-	14	4	-	32
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	3.5	25.0	-	2.1	1.5	-	2.4 (3.4) *
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	- (0.05) *
<u>Cysticercosis</u>							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

3. The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

2 persons were licensed under this Order as at 31st December, 1968.

Routine visits were made during the Year to ensure that compliance with the conditions imposed by the Order were being observed.

4. Other Foodstuffs Examined

The details of foodstuffs of all types condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

22 complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies, or other contamination, in food were made during the Year.

The foreign bodies or other contamination complained of were:-

- (a) Foreign bodies in Pint Bottle of Milk (2 Cases).
- (b) Foreign bodies in Carton of Milk.
- (c) Glass in Pint Bottle of Milk.
- (d) Condition of Milk in Pint Bottle.
- (e) Dirty condition of Milk Bottle.
- (f) Defective condition of Milk Bottle.
- (g) Condition of Fruit Cake Mix.
- (h) Foreign bodies in Flour.
- (i) Dirty Condition of Loaf of Bread.
- (j) Foreign body in Loaf of Bread (2 Cases).
- (k) Condition of liver sausage.
- (l) Condition of Granulated Sugar.
- (m) Condition of Potato Crisps.
- (n) Condition of Butter.
- (o) Condition of Portion of Fish and Chips.
- (p) Condition of Frozen Cod Fillets.
- (q) Foreign Bodies in Tin of Stewed Steak.
- (r) Mould in Chocolate Roll.
- (s) Glass in Tin of Grapes.
- (t) Glass in Portion of Cheese.

2 cases were passed to the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, and it is understood that in both cases written cautions were issued to the Firms concerned.

A great deal of help and co-operation was received from the County Analyst and from the British Museum during the Year, to assist with the identification of foreign matter and insects.

5. Shellfish

Vendors of Shellfish were visited and conditions found were satisfactory.

No case of illness attributable to shellfish was notified during the Year.

6. Fish Frying

8 fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

33 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

7. Ice Cream

The numbers of premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of Ice Cream are:-

Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	...	...	...	80	(103) *
Storage of Ice Cream	...	...	...	2	(2)
Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	1	(1)

Thirteen samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test.

The results of the samples examined were as follows:-

						<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	13 (100%)	7 (77.7%)
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	1 (11.1%)
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	1 (11.1%)
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )

The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Urban District is produced by National Manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the Year.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

8. Bakehouses

8 bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

150 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

9. Restaurant Kitchens

The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 37.

144 visits were made to these premises during the Year and 4 informal notices were served regarding matters of a minor nature which were found during such inspections. The matters complained of have since been remedied.

10. Public Houses

The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 44.

93 visits of inspection were made during the Year and 3 informal notices were served as a result of these inspections. The works required have since been carried out to the satisfaction of the Department.

11. Food Preparing Premises

24 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved foods.

232 visits were made to these premises during the Year. As a result of these inspections 8 informal notices were served. Most of the work required has since been carried out.

12. General Hygiene in Food Premises

The standard of food hygiene in the food premises in the Town has, on the whole, reached a reasonably high level. In some cases the standard is excellent, whilst in others there is still room for improvement.

It is particularly noticeable that some food handlers still have little or no concept of the importance of their responsibility to the Customer in the practice of proper hygienic standards.

Nevertheless the Department continued to have good relationships with the Food Trade in general and invariably the advice of the Department was accepted and put into operation when difficulties arose.

13. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

14. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

15. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

I am indebted to Mr. J. Stokoe, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, for once again very kindly supplying details of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton during 1968, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

This information is detailed overleaf.

Details of Samples taken by the County Sampling Officer
within the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton
During the Year ended 31st December, 1968

Details of Samples Taken	Number of Samples Taken	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Milk	34	22	12
Butter, Margarine, Lard, Cooking Fats, Cheese (including processed cheese) ...	1	1	-
Tinned Meats, Meat, Fish, Fish and Meat Pastes	12	10	2
Sugar, Sugar Confectionery, Flour confectionery, Chocolate products, Cereals	3	2	1
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Beverages, Minerals, Cordials	9	8	1
Dried Fruit, Raw Fruit, Vegetables, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables	8	8	-
Pickles, Sauces, Vinegar, Condiments ...	2	2	-
Drugs, Medicines	9	9	-
Beer, Wines, Spirits	9	8	1
Miscellaneous	4	4	-
Totals	91	74	17

Unsatisfactory Samples:-

Milk

Contained ammonia in an aqueous fluid. Dairy contacted.

Pork Sausages (2 samples)

Low in fat content. Butcher contacted. Follow-up sample taken and result awaited.

Sweet Orange Crush

Deficient in fruit juice. Manufacturers contacted.

Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Swiss Slices

Showed mould growth. Seller and manufacturer contacted.

Pasteurised Milk

Contained charred wool fibres. Dairy contacted.

Milk (10 samples)

Contained added water. Obstructed Officer in course of duties.

Ronald Windsor Rouse, Stanhope Farm, Hucking, fined £25 for water in milk, £10 for obstructing Officer, witnesses expenses £3. 18s. 10d. and Advocate's Fee of £3. 3s. 0d. awarded at Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court on the 27th January, 1969.

Gin

68° proof indicating addition of 3% water. Further sample to be taken.

SECTION VII

DISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL

1. Disinfection

(i) Disinfection of rooms in dwelling houses was continued to be carried out during the Year in cases of infectious disease, when required.

(ii) All Library Books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

(iii) In the case of necessity, steam disinfection facilities are available in the Medway Towns. During the Year, clothing and bedding were taken to All Saint's Hospital, Chatham, for disinfection in connection with a case of Scabies.

2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the Year:-

(a) Bed Bugs

				Infestations	
				Premises	Rooms
Council Houses		4 (-)	8 (-) *
Other Houses		3 (6)	10 (15)
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Totals				7 (6)	18 (15)
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(b) Fleas

Council Houses		5 (-)	29 (-)
Other Houses		8 (7)	31 (27)
Other Premises		- (-)	- (-)
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Totals				13 (7)	60 (27)
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Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(c) Other Insect Pests
(Ants, Beetles and Flies, etc.)

				Infestations	
				Premises	Rooms
Council Houses		8 (11)	11 (16) *
Other Houses		8 (4)	14 (5)
Other Premises		6 (3)	16 (4)
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Totals				22 (18)	41 (25)
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(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the Year were as follows:-

(a) The Swimming Baths were disinfested on account of Cockroaches.

(b) The outside walls of 2 Council Houses and 1 Non-Council House were disinfested on account of Ants.

(c) The outside walls of 4 Non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Red Mite.

(d) Treatments were carried out at the Canteens of the Girls' Grammar School and St. John's Boys' School, on account of Ants.

(e) Treatments were carried out at 1 Non-Council House and at Spicer's Homes, on account of Woodworm.

(f) Treatments were carried out (on 9 occasions) at the Kent County Council Old People's Home at Court Regis in Milton, on account of Cockroaches.

(g) A treatment was carried out at the Council's Old People's Warden's Scheme (Churchill House) in Murston, on account of Red Mite.

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iii) In addition, 16 Wasps' and 12 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the Year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the Year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 230 as compared with 504 visits in 1967.

3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent Operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the Year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the Year was 1,711 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,647 visits in the previous Year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatment of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the Year.

TABLE XV

Details	Type of Property			
	Non-Agricultural		Agricultural	
1. Number of Properties in District	10,338	(10,043)	60	(60) *
2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises) inspected following Notification	333	(419)	12	(10)
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	208	(264)	7	(10)
(ii) Mice	139	(185)	7	(10)
3. (a) Total number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than Notification.	53	(21)	13	(7)
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	12	(9)	1	(2)
(ii) Mice	6	(8)	2	(2)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION VIIIHOUSING1. Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the Year in connection with housing is as follows:-

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the Year for housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	443	(292) *
(b) Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	(47)
(c) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	(169)
(d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular	...	...	...	...	...	...	88	(93)
(e) Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	(77)
(f) Reinspection of houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	878	(808)
(g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year								
(i) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	( -)
(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	(45)
(iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	(4)

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iv) Action under Section 42 of
the Housing Act, 1957:-No. of Areas
represented as
unfit

- (1)

No. of Dwellings
in the area

- (16)

No. of Dwellings
demolished during
the Year

9 (2) *

2. Provision of Houses

I am indebted to Mr. A.W. Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, for kindly supplying the following information in connection with the number of houses built each Year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

Year	Council Houses		Police & Firemen Houses	Private Enterprise	War destroyed houses re-built	Total.
	Temporary	Permanent				
1946	50	33	-	2	-	85
1947	-	57	-	5	-	62
1948	-	44	-	3	2	49
1949	-	70	-	3	8	81
1950	-	72	-	7	8	87
1951	-	82	-	8	4	94
1952	-	140	2	2	-	144
1953	-	118	-	3	-	121
1954	-	200	11	34	-	245
1955	-	94	6	13	-	113
1956	-	82	-	52	-	134
1957	-	72	-	128	-	200
1958	-	57	1	98	-	156
1959	-	78	-	80	-	158
1960	-	72	-	118	-	190
1961	-	43	-	128	-	171
1962	-	51	-	191	-	242
1963	-	52	-	268	-	320
1964	-	78	10	382	-	470
1965	-	70	-	266	-	336
1966	-	106	-	270	-	376
1967	-	4	4	475	-	483
1968	-	64	-	330	-	394
Totals	50	1,739	34	2,866	22	4,711

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

In addition, the following accommodation for Old People has been provided in the Urban District:-

(a) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Churchill House, Portland Avenue, Murston, was opened in 1966, when accommodation for 29 Old People in single bed-sitters, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

(b) An Old People's Warden's Scheme at Johnson House, Burley Road, Sittingbourne, was opened in 1968, when accommodation for 29 Old People in both single and double bed-sitters, plus the Warden's Flat, was provided and occupied.

3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) A disproportionate effort is required on the part of the Officers of the Department to secure the repair of existing houses.

In many cases this is not due to the reluctance of Owners to carry out the work, but to the apparent inability of some Builders in the Town to find suitable labour for this type of work.

(b) Rent Act, 1957

No applications (Form 'I') were received during the Year in connection with Certificates of Disrepair.

The following information details the position regarding applications received since the act came into force on 6th July, 1957, together with the action taken:-

1. Total number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	65
2. Total number of notices (Form 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair	...	...	62
3. Total number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue Certificate of Disrepair	...	...	3
4. Total number of Undertakings (Form 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair	...	...	41
5. Undertakings (Form 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority	...	...	6
6. Total number of Certificates of Disrepair (Form 'L') issued	...	...	16
7. Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	4
8. Total number of Notices (Form 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	4

- (c) Discretionary Improvement Grants -
 Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
 (as amended by the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959,
 Housing Act, 1961 and Housing Act, 1964)

During the Year, 25 applications for Grants in connection with Discretionary Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications amounted to £18,072. 4s. 11d. and the total of the Grants allowed was £8,502.

There were 26 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 11 of these were in respect of applications received during the Year 1967. In addition, 1 application received during 1964 was cancelled at the Applicant's request.

The Improvement Schemes were, as in previous Years, mainly concerned with the provision of bathrooms, internal water closets and hot water systems and consequential improvements to kitchens.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 359 applications. Of these, 326 were completed by 31st December, 1968. In addition, 11 applications were cancelled at the applicants' request.

- (d) Standard Improvement Grants -
 House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959
 (as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, and Housing Act, 1964)

During the Year, 22 applications for Grants in connection with Standard Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. All of these were approved.

There were 21 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 7 of these were in respect of applications received and approved during 1967.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 163 applications, and 149 of these were completed by 31st December, 1968. In addition, 3 applications were cancelled at the applicants' request.

The total cost of the works involved in the 149 completed applications amounted to £28,387 and the total of the Grants allowed was £13,237.

The improvements required under the applications were for the provision of hot water systems, baths, wash-hand basins, internal water closets and food stores.

(e) Details in connection with Improvement Grants, both Discretionary and Standard, are shown in Tables XVII and XVIII.

(f) Housing Acts, 1957 to 1964
Improvements to Council Houses

Under the provisions of these Acts, a total of 106 Council Houses had been improved and modernised up to the 31st December, 1968.

(g) Progress of Five-Year's Slum Clearance Programme

During the Year, 12 unfit houses were dealt with by way of Undertakings, Closing or Demolition Orders.

A Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes during the Period from 1945 to 1968 inclusive is shown in Appendix "H".

(h) Rehousing - Removal Expenses

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme, 19 cases upon being rehoused applied for their removal expenses to be paid by the Council.

Under the Authority of Council Minute No. 507(5) dated October, 1959, 18 of these applications were paid by the Council and 1 application was paid out of the Chairman's Discretionary Fund.

TABLE XVII

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request	Total Cost of Approved Applications	Total Amount of Grant
				£	£
1955	25	8	2	4,888	2,436
1956	19	24	2	5,856	2,919
1957	29	24	-	10,118	4,947
1958	15	21	-	5,326	2,654
1959	32	24	-	13,128	6,563
1960	40	29	2	18,106	9,035
1961	24	30	1	13,511	6,745
1962	24	27	2	11,429	5,702
1963	27	22	1	14,185	7,077
1964	29	32	-	15,315	7,637
1965	27	9	-	15,841	7,911
1966	17	27	-	11,236	5,610
1967	26	23	-	16,587	8,288
1968	25	26	1	18,072	8,502
Totals	359	326	11	173,598	86,026

TABLE XVIII

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request
1959	4	2	-
1960	16	12	-
1961	10	10	-
1962	15	11	2
1963	14	19	-
1964	27	20	1
1965	16	13	-
1966	22	20	-
1967	17	21	-
1968	22	21	-
Totals	163	149	3

4. Rehousing

I am indebted to Mr. B. King, Housing Officer, for supplying me with the following information regarding rehousing in the Urban District during the Year.

It was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 214 families as follows:-

- (a) 33 families rehoused in pre-war Council Houses (25) *
- (b) 170 families rehoused in post-war Council Houses and Flats (89)
- (c) 11 families rehoused in privately owned Houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (13)

5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

(a) The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1968:-

TABLE XIX

1. Number of Applicants on 'Live List'	497	(500) *
2. Number of 'Late Applications'	130	(125)
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Total Number of Applicants			627	(625)
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(b) Table XX shows the various classes into which the applicants on the 'Live List' fall:-

TABLE XX

			No.	%
1. Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District	...	...	276	55.5
2. Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants or lodgers within the Urban District	...	...	127	25.5
3. Applicants for Old Persons' Dwellings	...	...	94	18.9
				<hr/>
Total			497	
				<hr/>

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

SECTION IX

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(a) Registration and Inspection

The total number of Premises on the Register at 31st December, 1968, was 290. This figure compared with 281 at the end of the previous Year.

14 Registrations were cancelled during the Year, and Table I below details the classification of the Premises concerned, together with the reasons for cancellation.

23 general inspections were carried out during the Year, which compared with 22 in the previous Year, 220 in 1966 and 82 in 1965.

The number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises during the Year was 194. This figure compared with 241 in the previous Year, 599 in 1966 and 106 in 1965.

TABLE I

Reason	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Premises Closed ...	2	2	1	-	-	5
Change of Ownership	2	5	-	-	-	7
Premises Vacated ..	1	1	-	-	-	2
Totals	5	8	1	-	-	14

(b) Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

Of the Premises receiving a general inspection during the Year, in 12 cases only (52.1%) did the Premises comply with the requirements of the Act.

Notifications were sent to the responsible persons in respect of the 11 (47.8%) Premises which revealed contraventions of the Act.

Table II sets out the types of contraventions found upon inspection.

TABLE II

Defects found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Absence of Thermometer	1	3	-	-	-	4
Absence of First Aid Kit	-	1	-	-	-	1
Abstract of Act not displayed	1	2	1	-	-	4
Absence of Hot Water Supply to Wash-Hand Basin	-	3	-	-	-	3
Unsuitable supply of Drinking Water ...	+	1	-	-	-	1
Overcrowded working conditions	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective Floors ...	-	2	-	-	-	2
Worn and Defective Floor Coverings ...	-	1	1	-	-	2
Defective Tiling to Walls in Kitchen ...	-	-	1	-	-	1
Defective Wall Plaster	-	2	-	-	-	2
Defective Ceiling Plaster	-	1	-	-	-	1
Unsatisfactory Wall Decorations ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective Decoration to Ceiling	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective Door to Water Closet ...	-	2	-	-	-	2
Absence of Artificial Lighting in Water Closet	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	2	22	3	-	-	27

(c) Accidents

No accidents were reported to the Department during the Year.

(d) Prosecutions

It was found unnecessary for the Council to take any action by way of prosecution during the Year.

(e) Annual Report (Form OSR.14)

The necessary details required to be submitted to the Minister of Labour under Section 60 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and included in the Annual Report (Form OSR.14) are shown in Appendix "I".

These details are of types of Premises Registered, General Inspections, Visits, Persons Employed, Exemptions, Prosecutions and Inspectors.

SECTION XMISCELLANEOUS

1. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with 3 Cases during the Year.

(a) Application was made in respect of the interment of a Child aged 2 Years and 11 Months, by the Parent, for assistance in meeting the expenses of the funeral. The Parent was unable to meet such expenses. In the circumstances, this Case was accepted under the Act and the necessary arrangements were made for the interment of this Child.

(b) Notification was received of the death of a Male, aged 71 Years. As there was no relative, or other person, able or willing to make the necessary arrangements for the interment of this person, action was taken under the terms of this Act.

(c) Notification was received of the death of a Female, aged 60 Years. As there was no relative, or other person, able or willing to make the necessary arrangements for the interment of this person, action was taken under the terms of this Act.

Death grants were obtained in all three Cases.

2. Air Pollution

Observers continued, during the Year, to submit reports on the incidence of the "Creek" Smell.

Unfortunately it would appear that much of the work done in the past two Years has been nullified because early in the Year an industrial organisation altered the mode of discharge of their industrial effluent into the Creek, by the formation of a settling Lagoon.

A number of complaints have been received from residents in the area regarding the smell of sulphuretted hydrogen which has been traced to the use of the Lagoon mentioned in the previous paragraph.

The Firm in question are aware of the complaints and they are in the process of taking steps to secure a remedy of the problem. This is not easy because of the large volume of effluent concerned, which has an extremely high B.O.D.

It would appear that much fundamental research is required before a satisfactory solution can be found to the problem.

3. The Noise Abatement Act, 1960

4 complaints were received during the Year.

These complaints arose from industrial noise. In one case due to night working and in the other three cases due to noise from machinery sited within the factory premises.

In all the cases the Firms concerned took the Department's advice as to screening and/or alteration of the site of the machinery, with satisfactory results so far as the complainants were concerned.

4. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

This Act came into effect on 1st April, 1965. The Certificates of Registration are valid for a period of three years from the date of Registration and those Certificates issued in the Urban District during 1965 were due for renewal in 1968.

The following information gives details of applications for Registration received up to 31st December, 1968 and the action taken under the terms of the Act:-

(a) Number of Applications for Registration received	...	9
(b) Number of Certificates of Registration issued	...	9

5. The Riding Establishments Act, 1964

One Licence to keep a Riding Establishment under the above-named Act was issued during the Year.

6. Home Safety

The Home Safety Committee met on 3 occasions during the Year.

Two matters of outstanding importance which were discussed by the Committee were as follows:-

(1) The installation of automatic cut-outs on gas appliances in accommodation occupied by Old People. The matter was referred to the Housing Committee for their consideration when designing further Old People's accommodation.

(2) The Fire Brigade carried out a survey of 1,000 selected houses in the Town, dealing particularly with the safety of electrical wiring and electrical appliances.

Where faults were discovered, Fire Brigade personnel gave suitable advice to the occupiers of the houses and it is intended that, after a suitable lapse of time, a further visit will be made to see whether the advice given has been taken.

APPENDIX "A"RAINFALL

Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

Month			Rainfall (inches)					
			1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
January	...	...	1.02	1.30	2.45	2.26	1.97	2.06
February	...	...	0.67	1.86	0.61	3.98	2.15	2.93
March	...	...	3.63	2.72	2.04	0.65	2.49	1.27
April	...	...	2.90	3.41	1.87	2.81	3.28	2.36
May	...	...	2.66	1.55	1.39	1.44	2.97	2.22
June	...	...	3.88	4.86	2.79	2.03	2.50	1.65
July	...	...	1.25	0.65	1.90	5.53	1.34	2.51
August	...	...	2.80	1.20	2.64	2.05	2.17	4.46
September	...	...	2.22	0.45	6.95	0.89	3.28	7.82
October	...	...	1.73	2.02	0.40	6.45	3.91	3.23
November	...	...	5.00	2.05	2.71	2.85	2.88	2.10
December	...	...	1.06	2.32	4.43	3.35	2.04	2.65
Total Rainfall	...		28.82	24.39	30.18	34.29	30.98	35.26

APPENDIX "B"TEMPERATURES

Recorded at Johnson House Gardens

Month		1965	<u>Maximum</u>		1968	1965	<u>Minimum</u>		1968
			1966	1967			1966	1967	
January	...	52°	52°	56°	60°	26°	8°	24°	16°
February	...	50°	56°	53°	53°	26°	31°	24°	25°
March	...	74°	57°	62°	72°	23°	28°	30°	30°
April	...	68°	68°	68°	78°	28°	30°	28°	26°
May	...	80°	75°	73°	74°	37°	38°	28°	34°
June	...	78°	81°	81°	82°	39°	47°	41°	42°
July	...	77°	82°	85°	94°	40°	40°	50°	44°
August	...	78°	80°	82°	83°	40°	40°	46°	42°
September	...	71°	76°	76°	78°	38°	40°	40°	39°
October	...	74°	67°	70°	72°	30°	35°	32°	41°
November	...	60°	56°	61°	68°	24°	29°	24°	25°
December	...	51°	48°	55°	53°	20°	24°	18°	18°

APPENDIX "C"DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPESCONDEMNED DURING 1968

						Lbs.	Lbs.
(a) Condemned at Slaughterhouse:-							
Carcase of a Sheep - Fever with Oedema							
	and Emaciation	...	...			31	
Edible Offal		...	...	...	...	301	332
(b) Condemned in Shops:-							
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	1,171 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including Canned Milk,							
Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jams, etc.)	...				...	3,719 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Frozen Foods (Defrosted)	...	...	...	...	...	3,597 $\frac{1}{4}$	8,487 $\frac{3}{4}$
(c) Condemned in Warehouse:-							
Tomato Puree (Tinned)	...	...	...	...	...	109,576	
Peas (Tinned)	...	...	...	...	...	117	109,693
Total Lbs.							118,512 $\frac{3}{4}$

TOTAL = 52 Tons. 18 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ Lbs.

(117 Tons. 12 Cwts. 1 Qr. 0 Lbs.) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "D"DETAILS OF INSPECTION

Details							Inspections
Number of Houses --							
Inspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	...	...	...	...	...	...	443
Reinspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	...	...	...	...	...	...	878
Inspected (Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Inspected (Rent Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inspected (Overcrowding)	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspected (Multiple Occupation)	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Inspected (Improvement Grants)	...	...	...	...	...	...	141
Inspected (Proposed Improvement Area)	...	...	...	...	...	...	138
Inspected (Housing Tenancies)	...	...	...	...	...	...	248
Inspected (Housing Circumstances)	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 1,985
Inspections -							
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	275
Food Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Restaurants, Cafes, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Food Manufacturing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	135
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection)	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Examination of Foodstuffs	...	...	...	...	...	...	91 1,092
General Visits and Inspections -							
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Contacts of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Rodent Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Scrap Metal Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Piggeries (Waste Food Order)	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Riding Establishments Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Total c/f

3,077

Details

Inspections

Total b/f

3,077

Grovehurst Effluent	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	
Water Courses, Ditches, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Clean Air Act (including smoke observations)	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Port Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Contractors and Owners Interviewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	338	
Office Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,253	
Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	525	
Housing Removals - Old Age Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Old People's Wardens Schemes	...	...	...	...	...	...	145	
Old People's Day Centre	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Paper Sacks Scheme	...	...	...	...	...	...	163	2,766

Food and Drugs and Other Sampling -

Samples of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Samples of Swimming Bath Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	
Samples of Water obtained - Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	
Samples of Water obtained - Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Samples of Milk obtained - Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	
Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	134

Factories -

Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	
Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Inspection of Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	
Visits to Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	84	182

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -

General Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	171	194

Total

6,353

(5,689) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "E"NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1968

Houses								Totals
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Dampness abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Doors and Frames repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Floors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Grates or ovens repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Internal wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous repairs and nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Rainwater pipes or gutters renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Walls repaired, re-pointed, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Water taps or pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Window cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Hot water systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting and ventilation of rooms improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
								420
Verminous Premises								
Number of Houses infested with Bugs or Fleas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bedding cleansed or destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
								10
Drainage								
Drains tested, smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Drains tested, water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Drains re-laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Gullies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspection chambers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Lavatory basins or sink waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
New drains constructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks or lavatory basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
								114

Total c/f

544

Total b/f

544

Water Closets

Flushing apparatus repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	...	17	
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	...	...	10	
New pans provided	...	...	...	...	...	4	31

Cesspools

Number of cesspools abolished and houses connected to sewer	...					1	
Number of cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	3	4

Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.

Removed	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Sanitary improvements effected		...	...	...	...	1	4

Food Shops, Kitchens and
Manufacture of Preserved Foods

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	14	
Cleanliness and decoration improved	...		...	...	...	19	
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Other repairs	...	...	...	...	...	24	
Storage of food arrangements improved		...	...	...	...	1	
Sinks and wash-hand basins provided		...	...	...	...	2	
Water supply (hot) provided	...	...	...	...	...	2	64

Public Houses

Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Dampness abated	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Floors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Cleanliness or decoration improved	...		...	...	...	9	
Sanitary conveniences improved		...	...	...	...	8	
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Water supply (hot and cold) provided		...	...	...	...	6	
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	3	48

Total

695

(771) *

Footnote:- * Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

APPENDIX "F"

LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPS

IN THE AREA

Type									Number
1. Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or Manufacture of preserved foods)	...	...							24
2. Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens)	...	...							37
3. Food Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
4. Factories handling Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
5. Fried Fish Shops ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
6. Ice Cream Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
7. Milk - Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
- Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
8. Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44

APPENDIX "G"Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of:		
		Inspections (3)	Written Noticos (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	5	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	135	77	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	16	9	1	-
Totals	156	98	3	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found:				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out- work)	1	1	-	-	-
Totals	3	4	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACTOUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc.	22	-	-	-	-	-
Fuse Stringing	75	-	-	-	-	-
All Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	97	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "H"

Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programme
during the Period from 1945 to 1968 (inclusive)

Year or Period	Houses dealt with in Clearance Areas	Individual Houses dealt with by Undertakings, Closing Orders, or Demolition Orders	Total Number of Houses dealt with	Number of Houses Demolished
1945 - 1952	5	15	20	20
1953 - 1957	96	138	234	169
1958 - 1962	74	180	254	281
1963	-	67	67	58
1964	23	49	72	65
1965	-	48	48	80
1966	16	38	54	25
1967	96	73	169	42
1968	-	12	12	87
Totals	310	620	930	817

APPENDIX "I"THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963Annual Report for 1968 (Form OSR.14)Table A (Registrations and General Inspections)

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the Year
Offices	11	77	9
Retail Shops	11	194	12
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	-
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	1	15	2
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	-
Totals	23	290	23

Table B (Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises)

Table C. (Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises
by Workplace)

Class of Workplace	Number of Persons Employed
Offices	494
Retail Shops	1,159
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	4
Catering Establishments open to the Public	76
Canteens	-
Fuel Storage Depots	34
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	Total 1,767
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Total Males - 671	Total Females - 1,096

Table D (Exemptions)

	Class of Premises	Number of Exemptions		
		Current at End of Year	Newly Granted	Expired or Withdrawn
Part I - Space (Sec. 5(2))	-	-	-	-
Part II - Temperature (Sec. 6)	-	-	-	-
Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)	Offices	-	-	1
	Retail Shops	2	3	1
Part IV - Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)	Offices	-	-	1
	Retail Shops	-	1	1

Table E (Prosecutions)

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing
was completed in the Year = None

Number of Persons or Companies Prosecuted = None

Number of Complaints (or summary applications)
made under Section 22 = None

Number of Interim Orders granted = None

Table F (Staff)

Number of Inspectors appointed under
Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act = 3

Number of other Staff employed for
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act = None

APPENDIX "J"

REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY
CARRIED OUT IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON
BY UNITS OF THE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

A Survey was carried out in the Urban District by Units of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, during the period from 19th February to 15th March, 1968, and the following results have kindly been supplied by the Medical Director, Dr. G.I. Rees-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

(a) Survey of the General Public

Centre				Active			Inactive		
	Males	Females	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Kemsley School Hut	54	101	155	-	-	-	1	1	2
A.P.C.M. Works Club	132	80	212	-	-	-	1	-	1
King George V. Tea Rooms ...	137	231	368	-	-	-	2	2	4
Council Offices	1,018	1,444	2,462	-	-	-	3	7	10
Barrow Grove County									
Primary School	116	222	338	-	-	-	-	3	3
Milton Regis Infants'									
School	175	285	460	-	-	-	-	2	2
Westlands County									
Secondary School	48	55	103	1	-	1	-	-	-
St. John's Boys'									
School	93	144	237	-	1	1	1	2	3
Totals	1,773	2,562	4,335	1	1	2	8	17	25

(b) Survey of Industries

Centre				Active			Inactive		
	Males	Females	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Bowaters, Sittingbourne ...	507	211	718	-	-	-	3	1	4
Bowaters, Kemsley	1,021	70	1,091	-	-	-	3	1	4
A. Rosner & Sons Ltd.	64	8	72	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shell Research	166	78	244	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity Trading Estate	180	233	413	-	-	-	1	-	1
Export Packing Service	236	163	399	1	-	1	1	1	2
Totals	2,174	763	2,937	1	-	1	8	3	11

(c) Survey of Schools

Centre				Active			Inactive		
	Males	Females	Total	Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis	Tuberculosis
				M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Girls' Grammar School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Teaching Staff	1	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	-	87	87	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borden Grammar School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	134	-	134	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John's Boys' School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Teaching Staff	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	52	12	64	-	-	-	-	-	-
East County Secondary School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	-	50	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westlands Boys' County Secondary School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	44	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-
Westlands Girls' County Secondary School:-									
Teaching Staff ...	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Teaching Staff	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	-	54	54	-	-	-	-	-	-
Convent of the Nativity:-									
Teaching Staff ...	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students ...	-	47	47	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	282	302	584	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY

Total Number of Volunteers:-

				Males	Females	Total
(a)	General Public	...	...	1,773	2,562	4,335
(b)	Industries	...	...	2,174	763	2,937
(c)	Schools	...	...	282	302	584
Totals				4,229	3,627	7,856

Total Number of Cases of Active Tuberculosis Found:-

				Males	Females	Total
(a)	General Public	...	...	1	1	2
(b)	Industries	...	...	1	-	1
(c)	Schools	...	...	-	-	-
Totals				2	1	3

Total Number of Cases of Inactive Tuberculosis Found:-

				Males	Females	Total
(a)	General Public	...	...	8	17	25
(b)	Industries	...	...	8	3	11
(c)	Schools	...	...	-	-	-
Totals				16	20	36

In addition, the following Number of Cases of
Cancer of the Lung were found:-

				Males	Females	Total
(a)	General Public	...	...	3	1	4
(b)	Industries	...	...	3	-	3
(c)	Schools	...	...	-	-	-
Totals				6	1	7

